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Dear Sir

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 21, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20090816), for which a response was due on November 21, 2009. This Amendment is filed with a three-month request for extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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